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KING'S
RANSOM

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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PETER PARKER was bitten by a radioactive spider and gained the proportional speed, strength, and agility of a SPIDER, adhesive fingertips and toes, and the unique precognitive awareness of danger called "SPIDER-SENSE"! After the tragic death of his Uncle Ben, Peter understood that with great power there must also come great responsibility. He became the crimefighting super hero called...

The Amazing SPIDER-MAN

KING'S RANSOM *Part One*

To make ends meet, Peter took a high-paying gig from Norah Winters and J. Jonah Jameson at *Threats & Menaces*. The gig came with a new high-tech suit, which allows *TNM* subscribers to watch the world through Spidey's eyes. Subscriptions went through the roof as viewers got to experience Spider-Man take down super villains, who seem to be cropping up at an alarming rate.

The villains are working for NYC mayor Wilson Fisk, A.K.A. the Kingpin, who's seeking the pieces of the powerful Lifeline Tablet. Peter and his roommate, "reformed villain" Fred Myers, A.K.A. Boomerang, have been trying to keep the pieces out of Kingpin's hands, so Kingpin is doing everything in his power to distract Spidey and Boomerang while he schemes behind the scenes. Meanwhile, Peter's other roommate, Randy Robertson--son of the *Daily Bugle*'s Robbie Robertson--has rekindled his relationship with Janice Lincoln. She's the villain known as the Beetle--and the daughter of Robbie's archenemy, Tombstone!

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RAVCROFT.

THERE WAS SOMETHING OF A BREAK-THROUGH THE OTHER DAY.

WITH NORMIE, I MEAN.

AT FIRST, I THOUGHT TRYING TO SALVAGE THAT RELATIONSHIP WAS AS MUCH A LOST CAUSE AS OUR OWN.

BUT THEN I SHOWED HIM THIS PHOTO OF US...

DO YOU REMEMBER THIS DAY?

OF COURSE NOT.

JUST
KNOW, HARRY--
I WOULD GIVE
ANYTHING--

--ANYTHING
AT ALL--TO
GO BACK TO
THAT DAY.

TO
BEFORE
I...

YOU
MUST
BELIEVE ME,
SON.

WOMP

I DIDN'T KNOW...

THE FOOL.
HE THINKS NO
ONE CAN OVERRIDE
THE SECURITY AND
SURVEILLANCE
SYSTEMS OF HIS
HOSPITAL.

HE FORGETS
THAT RAVENCROFT
BELONGS TO
WILSON FISK.

AS DOES THE
PRISONER IN HIS
CHARGE.

THIS IS YOUR
DEMON, THEN? THE
ONE YOU CALL
KINDRED?

THAT'S THE ONE. I'D
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
RECOGNIZE HIM, GIVEN
ALL YOUR EXPERTISE
IN THIS AREA--



--THINGS
COULD GET
VERY UGLY."

THWANG

BANG

OKAY, THINGS
ARE GETTING
PRETTY UGLY.

WE'VE BEEN MAKING
SOME REAL *PROGRESS*,
BOOMERANG AND I, ON
FINDING THE LIFELINE
TABLET FRAGMENTS BEFORE
WILSON FISK DOES.

KRAY

BUT LATELY IT
SEEMS LIKE WE'VE
BEEN RUNNING
INTO A LOT OF--

--OUTSIDE
INTERFERENCE.

THWEP

IN THIS CASE,
HAMMERHEAD
AND HIS CRONIES.

FRED--
UP THERE!

I SEE IT!
DON'T WORRY,
SPIDEY--

BOFF

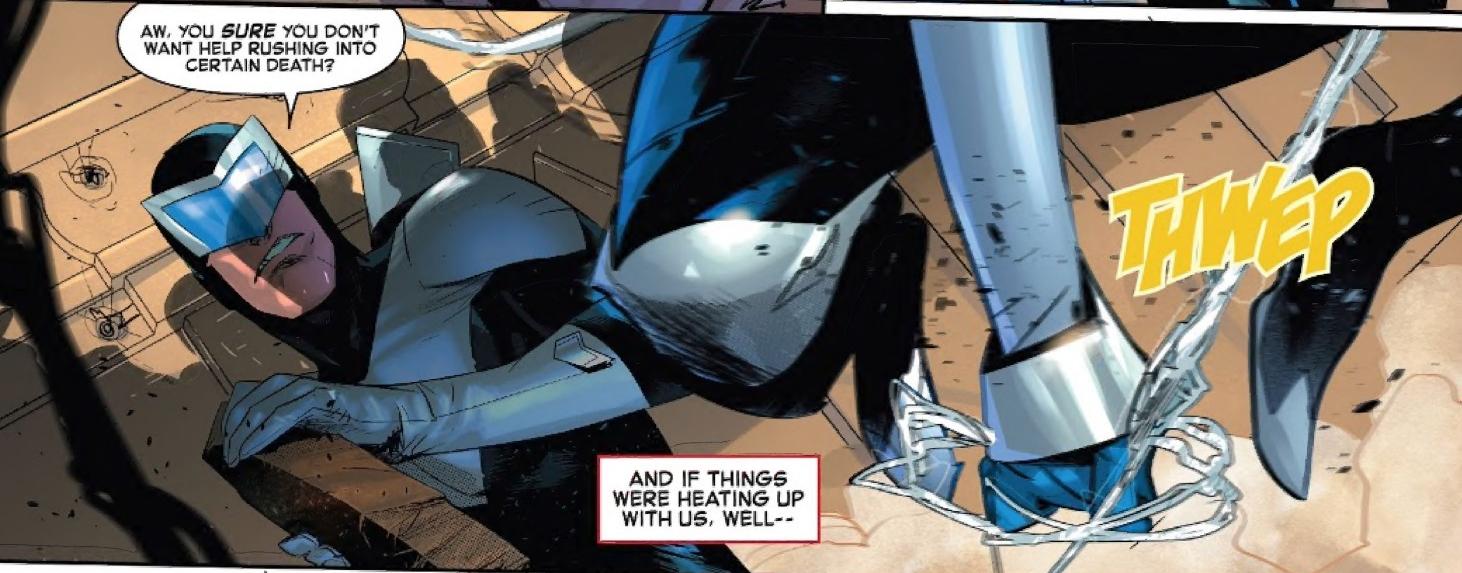


--TWO MOB BOSSES TRYING TO KILL YOU AND GET A PIECE OF A MEGA-POWERFUL ANCIENT ARTIFACT.

AND IF THE OWL AND HAMMERHEAD AREN'T ENOUGH--

THE GAME'S AFOOT, GENTLEMEN!

--THANKS TO THE KINGPIN, THERE'S EVEN MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM.





--MORE IN COMMON THAN YOU'D THINK.

NO...
NO...

...NO,
IT CAN'T
BE...

YOU OKAY,
BOSS? YOU
LOOK LIKE YOU
SEEN A--

--GHOST.

THIS
CANNOT
BE FOR
REAL.

GLORY, HAS
ANYBODY ELSE
SEEN THESE
PICTURES?

NO...

GOOD.
KEEP IT THAT
WAY. YOU TELL THE
PHOTOGRAPHER TO
HOLD ON TO ANY AND
ALL COPIES UNTIL I
SAY OTHERWISE,
GOT IT?

YEAH...
YEAH, I GOT
IT, ROBBIE. BUT
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?

LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE.

YEAH,
BECAUSE
THESE
TWO--

--THEY GOT HISTORY.

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NONE OF
IT GOOD.

BUT I PREFER
TO FOCUS ON
THE PRESENT.

AT LAST--
BOOMERANG
IS MINE!

ESPECIALLY
WHEN IT'S
TRYING TO
KILL US.

WAIT--
WHOSE?

GET
YOUR WEIRD
LITTLE BIRD
HANDS OFF 'IM,
OWLSLEY!

I
WAS HERE
FIRST!

WELL, THAT'S
A LUCKY
BREAK.

THIS IS WHY
THE MOB NEVER
GETS AHEAD, YOU KNOW.
THE INFIGHTING. IT'S
NOT LIKE THE MOVIES.

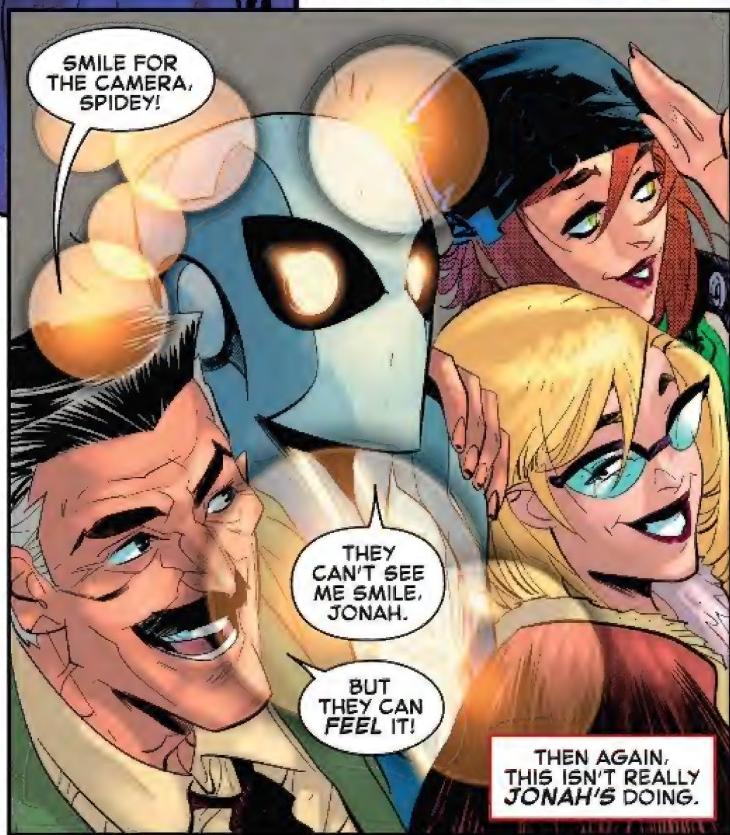
IT'S JUST
LIKE THE
MOVIES.

BANG

BLAM

FEEM





NO, CREDIT FOR
ALL THIS GOES TO
NORAH WINTERS.

OR AT
LEAST I
THINK IT'S
CREDIT.

I KEEP TELLING MYSELF
THIS IS JUST A REFRESH
ON ME SELLING PHOTOS
TO THE BUGLE--BUT IT
JUST KEEPS GETTING
BIGGER AND BIGGER--

--NOT THAT
THERE HAVEN'T
BEEN UPSIDES.
PUBLIC AWARENESS,
FOR ONE.

NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES
MY SIDE OF THE STORY, BUT
LIVESTREAMING THE HUNT FOR
THE FRAGMENTS HAS STARTED
TO PUT A REAL DENT IN MAYOR
FISK'S APPROVAL RATING.

ALSO,
THE MEMES
ARE SOLID.

AND DON'T
FORGET TO JOIN US
TOMORROW AT 7:00 EASTERN
AS SPIDEY HERE DOES HIS VERY
FIRST A.M.A.! SHOULD
BE EXCITING!

JONAH, DO
YOU EVEN KNOW
WHAT AN
A.M.A. IS?

NOPE.

BUT I
BET ROBBIE
ROBERTSON
HATES IT.

TO BE FAIR,
THOUGH--

--THAT'S TRUE
ABOUT SO
MANY THINGS
THESE DAYS.

...DAD?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

RANDY,
WE NEED TO
TALK.

IS EVERYTHING
OKAY? YOU LOOK
UPSET.

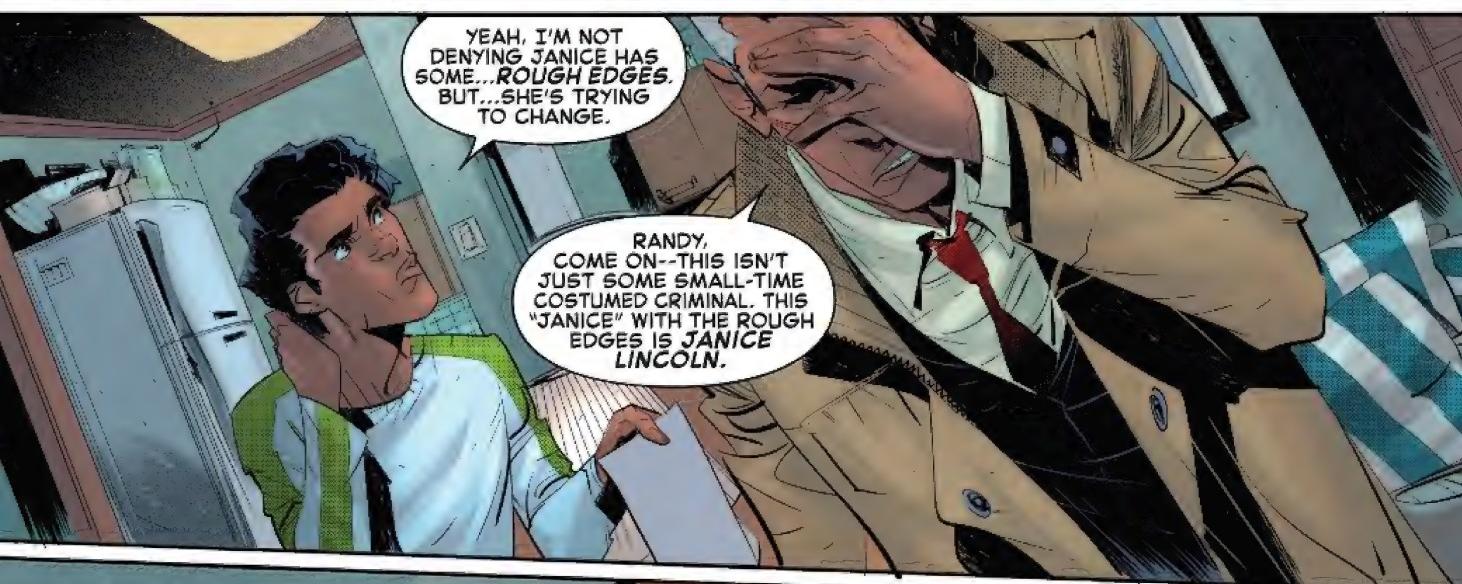
UPSET?
RANDY, I WAS
UPSET THE FIRST
THREE TIMES YOU GOT
ARRESTED FOR
PROTESTING.

I WAS UPSET
WHEN YOU DECIDED TO
PASS ON GETTING A LAW
DEGREE SO YOU COULD
GO INTO SOCIAL WORK.

UPSET
BECAUSE I WAS
WORRIED FOR YOU,
BUT ALSO VERY, VERY
PROUD. ALWAYS PROUD.

I TOLD
MYSELF, HEY, THAT'S
WHAT YOU GET FOR
RAISING A KID WITH SUCH A
BIG HEART. SOMEONE WHO
REALLY WANTS TO DO SOME
GOOD IN THIS WORLD.

BOY, WAS I
WRONG ABOUT
ALL THAT.





--IT WAS NOTHING COMPARED TO HOW THINGS WENT UPTOWN.

NO WAY. YOU HEAR ME?!

Booom

NO DAUGHTER OF MINE IS GONNA DATE A ROBERTSON-- YOU HEAR ME?!

UGH.

YOU REALIZE THE MORE YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT IT, THE MORE ATTRACTIVE HE SEEMS, RIGHT?

YOU'RE LUCKY I DON'T SET THIS THING TO VAPORIZER!

SHAMM

HEY, SIRI. PLAY "PAPA DON'T PREACH."



"YOU SEE, IT ALL STARTED
THE NIGHT I TRIED TO
KILL BOOMERANG."



AHOY XXXXXXXX

THAT IS
THE MOST
ROMANTIC
THING I
HAVE EVER
HEARD.

THAT'S PRETTY
MESSED UP,
RANDY.

BUT IF
YOU REALLY
WANT MY
ADVICE?

YOU GOTTA
BREAK UP
WITH HIM.

WAIT,
WHAT?

YEAH.
IT'S ALWAYS
THE SAME WITH
GUYS LIKE
THAT.

LOOK, I GET IT.
TECHNICALLY SHE'S
A CRIMINAL--

--BUT SHE'S NOT. I MEAN, THE LINE
BETWEEN WHAT'S LEGAL AND WHAT'S
NOT IS GETTING GRAYER EVERY DAY,
AND SHE TRIES TO FIND CREATIVE,
FREQUENTLY NONVIOLENT, WAYS
TO EXPLOIT THOSE VAGUE
PARTS OF...

OKAY, I'LL ADMIT,
THAT ALL SOUNDS
A LOT MORE CONVINCING
WHEN SHE SAYS IT. I
MEAN, HAVE YOU SEEN
HER? BUT REGARDLESS--

--IT'S NOT
GONNA
WORK.

HE'S ALWAYS
GONNA BE TRYING
TO CHANGE
YOU.

I THINK
I CAN
HELP HER
CHANGE.

HATE TO SAY IT, BUT SCORPIA'S
RIGHT. SOUNDS LIKE THE DUDE HAS A
SERIOUS SAVIOR COMPLEX. HE'LL
WHITE KNIGHT YOU ALL THE WAY
OUT THE DOOR. AND WE GET
ENOUGH OF THAT.

HMPH. I AGREE.
IT'S QUITE SIMILAR
TO WHEN HAWKEYE
AND I--

WE GET IT,
LORRAINE.
IT HAPPENED
ONCE.

RANDY, LISTEN--IF
YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT
THIS--I HAVE...A LITTLE
EXPERIENCE IN THIS
DEPARTMENT.

YOU
DO?

TRY NOT TO
SOUND SO
SURPRISED.

IF YOU'RE
REALLY TRYING TO
MAKE THIS WORK, YOU
HAVE TO BE UP FRONT
ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE
OKAY WITH.

IT'S
THE ONLY
WAY.

LAY DOWN SOME
GROUND
RULES.

SHOW
'IM WHO'S
BOSS.

YOU HAVE
TO HAVE A
REAL TALK
WITH HER.

YOU
GOTTA
TALK TO
HIM.







--THEY'RE GREAT 'TIL
YOU GET PUNCHED IN
THE FACE, RIGHT?



ONE
MORE
PIECE
TO GO.



YOU JUST LET
ME KNOW WHEN YOU
GET THAT LAST VISION
FROM THE OLD CLERK
GIVING US A LOCATION--
ANYTHING YET?



MY
CHANCE
TO BE A
HERO.



STILL,
GOTTA
ADMIT--



--I DID NOT SEE
THAT COMING.



THIS
ONE IS
NOT TO BE
TRIFLED
WITH.

WHOA. MADAME MASQUE. OKAY. BIG FAN. BIG, BIG FAN. I MEAN, SERIOUSLY. YOU'VE BEEN A ROLE MODEL AND AN INSPIRATION TO ME FOR SO MANY YEARS. NOT JUST BEING AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL FEMALE MOB BOSS, BUT ALSO HAVING TO DO ALL THAT FROM THE SHADOW OF A SUCCESSFUL FATHER IN THE SAME INDUSTRY...

--AND FOR YOU TO SAY ABOUT ME, THAT I'M "NOT ONE TO BE TRIFLED WITH" IS REALLY JUST AN INCREDIBLE HON--

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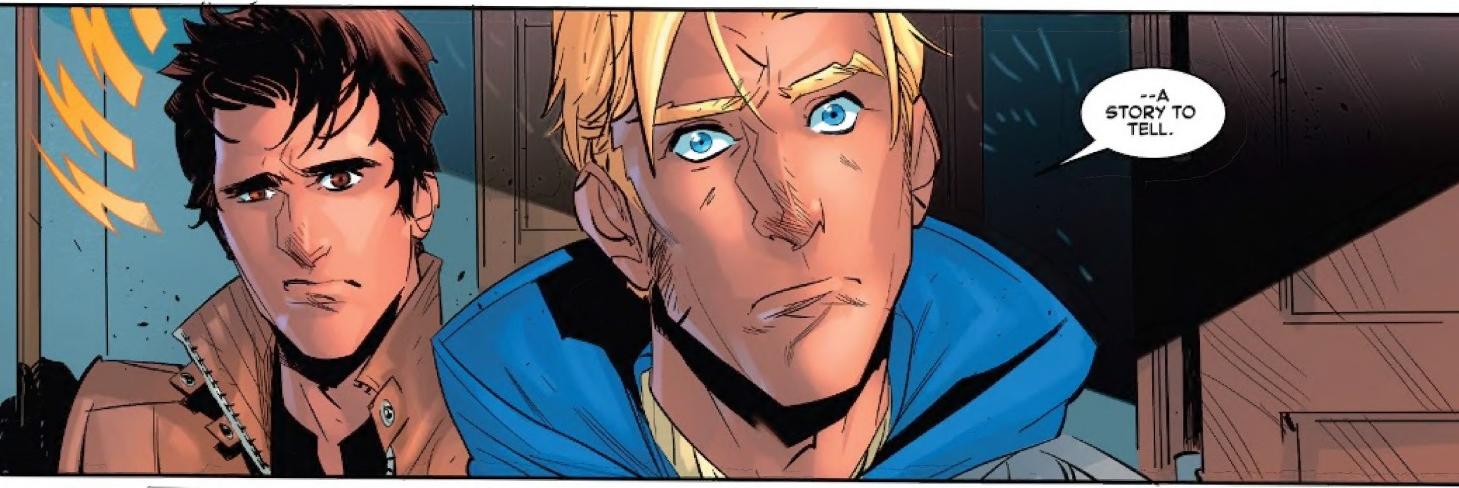
I MAY BE
GETTING SOFT
IN MY AGE,
GIRL--

--BUT
NOT THAT
SOFT.

ALL RIGHT,
THEN. LET'S
GET THESE TWO--

RANDY?

YOU
DECENT? MAN,
HAVE WE
GOT--





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CONTINUED!

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